

behind his mother Roxanne; his father Roger; his sister Abby; his brother Nathan; and his sister Nicole.

Today, I join Brett's family and friends in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Brett, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Brett was known for his deep faith, his dedication to his family, and his love of country. Today and always, Brett will be remembered by family members, friends, and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero, and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Brett's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Brett's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Brett M. Hershey in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy, and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Brett's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Brett.

CAPTAIN MICHAEL T. FISCUS

Mr. President, I honor the life of a brave young man from Milford. Captain Michael "Todd" Fiscus, 36 years old, was one of four Indiana National Guardsmen who died on March 26 when a land mine exploded under their military vehicle south of Kabul. With his entire life before him, Todd risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

A devoted father of two daughters and a successful soldier, Todd joined the Indiana Air National Guard about 16 years ago before switching to the Army National Guard. In joining the Guard, Todd followed a family tradition of service, as his father, Captain Mike Fiscus, also serves in the Army Guard. Outside of his missions to Af-

ghanistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina, Todd flew charter planes. His wife Paula shared memories of Todd with the Indianapolis Star, recounting that "he wanted to be out there making a difference." A neighbor told a local television station, "As a neighbor and friend—he was a wonderful, wonderful man—great father and a great husband." I stand here today to express gratitude for Todd's sacrifices and for those made by the entire Fiscus family on behalf of our country.

Todd was killed while serving his country in Operation Enduring Freedom. He was a member of the Indiana National Guard's 76th Infantry Brigade. This brave soldier leaves behind his wife Paula and his two young daughters: Alexandra, 5, and Gabrielle, 4.

Today, I join Todd's family, his friends and the entire Milford community in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Todd, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Todd was known for his dedication to family and his love of country. Today and always, Todd will be remembered by family members, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Todd's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Todd's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Michael "Todd" Fiscus in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Todd's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Todd.

SPECIALIST NORMAN "KYLE" SNYDER

Mr. President, I also honor the life of a brave young man from Carlisle. Army

SPC Norman "Kyle" Snyder, 21 years old, was one of four Indiana National Guardsmen who died on March 26 when a land mine exploded under their military vehicle south of Kabul. With his entire life before him, Kyle risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

After graduating from Sullivan High School, Kyle joined the National Guard, a dream he had long held. A country music fan with many friends, Kyle had hoped to attend college in the coming fall. By joining the National Guard, Kyle became a part of a long-standing family tradition of service, as most of his male relatives also served in the military. His mother, Donna Shots, recalled her son's service to his country, saying "I am honored to know that my son served in the military, died honorably and I can hold my head up knowing he was proud and so am I to be an American." Today and always, Kyle will be remembered by family members, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

Kyle was killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was a member of the Indiana National Guard's 76th Infantry Brigade. This brave young soldier leaves behind his mother Donna Shots; his father Jerry Snyder; his sister Shelli Snyder; his two half brothers, Derek Eugene Snyder and Craig Allen Snyder; and his grandparents, Azalia Barfield, Jane and Ron Moreland, Juanita Walters, and Norman and Susan Snyder.

Today, I join Kyle's family, his friends and the entire Carlisle community in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Kyle, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Kyle's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Kyle's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Norman "Kyle" Snyder in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace.